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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: IAEA ECOSOC PORG
SUBJECT: SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENT AT OPENING ECOSOC
6 JULY 1977

1. SUMMARY. DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND INFORMED ME
OF HIS QUOTE SHOCK UNQUOTE ON RECEIVING REPORT FROM
HIS REPRESENTATIVE AT OPENING ECOSOC MEETING RE
STATEMENTS MADE BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. HE

EXPRESSED HOPE U.S. REP AT ECOSOC MEETING WOULD ATTEMPT
SET RECORD STRAIGHT. END SUMMARY.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND ASKED ME TO MEET WITH HIM
MORNING JULY 7 AND PROCEEDED INFORM ME OF STATEMENT
MADE BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IN FRENCH AT OPENING
63RD SESSION OF ECOSOC. HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM
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HIS REPRESENTATIVES AT SESSION WHO DESCRIBED STATEMENTS
IN THIRD PART OF REPORT WHICH DEALT WITH ENERGY.
EKLUND SAID HE WAS QUOTE VERY UPSET UNQUOTE AND
EVEN QUOTE SHOCKED. UNQUOTE

3. HE HANDED ME AN UNAUTHORIZED ENGLISH TRNSLATION
OF FRENCH TEXT AND SAID THAT HE HAD REQUESTED THE

ORIGINAL FRENCH VERSION IN WHICH WALDHEIM HAD DELIVERED
HIS REMARKS. AFTER MAKING REFERENCE TO ESTABLISHMENT
OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSTITUTE, UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE I REFERRED RECENTLY TO THE DESIRABILITY OF A
WORLD ENERGY ORDER BECAUSE I AM PARTICULARLY AWARE
OF THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THESE IS A
FEELLING OF UNEASE IN THIS RESPECT WHICH IS SPREADING
TO LARGE SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION, AND TO WHICH
YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR ARE APPARENTLY EXTREMELY
SENSITIVE, AND WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM MUST
ACKNOWLEDGE, PARTICULARLY SINCE WORLD SENCURITY, OF WHICH
IT IS THE GUARDIAN, IS DIRECTLY LINKED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT
OF NUCLEAR ENERGY' THE PROBLEM IS STEEPED IN
UNCERTAINTY, UNCERTAINTY WHICH WILL NOT EASILY BE BANISHED.
I AM ALSO REALISTIC ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT, AT PRESENT, TOO
MANY COUNTRIES ARE INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING
NUCLAEAR PROGRAMMES FOR IT TO BE POSSIBLE TO RETURN TO A
INNER QUOTE CLEAN SLATE INNER QUQUOTE SITUATION. TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS OF CONCENTRATED RESEARCH ON NUCLEAR ENERGY HAVE

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BROUGHT ABOUT A SITUATION IN WHICH SOME ENERGY-

CONSUMING COUNTRIES ARE OBLIGED TO EMBARK UPON
NUCLEAR PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE MEETING INCREASINGLY
LIVELY AND INCREASINGLY WELL-ORGANIZED OPPOSITION.
IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I FEEL THAT EVERYONE WILL
AGREE ON THE NEED FOR COCERTED INTERNATIONAL
ACTION WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING THE RANGE OF OPTIONS
AVAILABLE. UNQUOTE

4. EKLUND WAS PRATICULARLY SURPRISED BECAUSE ONLY WITHIN
LAST MONTH HAD WALDHEIM ADDRESSED STAFF AT IAEA AND
INDICATED THAT HE FULLY APPRECIATED NECESSIY OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY BEING DEVELOPED TO FILL GAP IN WORLD'S
ENERGY REQUIREMENTS.

5. HE HAD TRIED TO TALK TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL EVENING
JULY 6 BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH HIM. IN LIGHT OF THAT
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HE HAD CONTACTED BERTRAND GOLDSCHMIDT OF FRENCH ATOMIC
ENERGY COMMISSION IN PARIS MORNING JULY 7 SINCE WALDHEIM
THEN ENROUTE PARIS. HE SAID HE WAS PREPARING STATEMENT
FOR RELEASE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DR. EKLUND URGED ME TO CONVEY HIS
CONCEN OVER WALDHEIM'S STATEMENT TO DEPARTMENT
AND TO URGE THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AT ECOSOC MEETING IN
GENEVA MAKE STATEMENT WHICH WILL ATTEMPT
SET RECORD STRAIGHT.

7. COMMENT: IT APPEARS TO ME THAT DR. EKLUND IS OVER-
REACTING TO SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENT. WE HAVE BEEN
AWARE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORTED UNHAPPINESS WITH
PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSTITUTE, PRESUMABLY
BECAUSE HE FEARS IT WOULD UNDERMINE SOME IAEA PROGRAMS.
FURTHER, STATEMENT CONTAINED NO MENTION OF IAEA NOR
IAEA'S ROLE PRESCRIBED IN NPT AND IN NUMEROUS UNGA
RESOLUTIONS.

8. WE NOW UNDERSTAND IRECTOR GENERAL HAS INSTRUCTED
IAEA REP AT ECOSOC TO MAKE STATEMENT QUOTE BALANCING THE
RECORD. UNQUOTE I CONCLUDE MATTER BOILS DOWN TO TEMPEST IN A
TEAPOT. HOWEVER, U.S. DEL MAY WISH CONSIDER DESIRABILITY
SUPPORTING IAEA STATEMENT IF APPROPRIATE. STONE

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